

## INDIAN COMMISSIONERS.

An Interesting Meeting of Those Working for the Red Man's Good.

This morning at 10 o'clock there was quite a large and interesting gathering of people in the parlors of the Big House. For the most part these people were connected in one way or another with missionary work among the Indians, for the United States board of Indian commissioners was holding its annual conference with the representatives of various religious bodies which are engaged in mission work and in the maintenance of schools among the Indians.

## WHO COMPOSE THE BOARD.

The board of Indian commissioners is composed of ten men from different parts of the country who are commissioned by the President. These are all non-commissioned officers of the United States who serve entirely without compensation. President Merrill E. Gates of Amherst College is chairman of the board, having been elected after the death of Gen. Charles R. Lusk, who had served for several years the position of head of the board. President Gates presided over the meeting this morning. The other nine commissioners are Dr. G. E. Whittlesey of Washington, D. C.; Alfred C. Kinney, esp., of New Haven, Conn.; Wm. McMillan, of New York; William H. Lyon, of Brooklyn; Mr. Joseph Jacobs of Michigan; Bishop William D. Walker of North Dakota; Philip C. Garrett of Philadelphia; Congressman George W. Steele of Brooklyn; and Elbert E. Morris of Southport, Conn.

## REPORTS SUBMITTED.

The morning session today was taken up by reports from Mr. Woodbury of the American Missionary Association, Dr. J. J. Janney of the Friends' Missionary Association, Rev. P. E. Boyd of the Presbyterian Home Missionary Society, Mr. Thornton, a teacher from Cape Prince of Wales, and others. In the report from the missionaries there is special attention given to the Indian schools that come from the surreptitious sales of liquor to the natives of the far-off land by whalers and other vessels that visit their shores.

Nearly 30,000 Indians now are gathered at the English-speaking schools, where they are taught by English-speaking people. The appropriations for systematic education have increased from \$75,000 for 1881 to \$24,000 for 1892.

## AID FOR RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

The amount apportioned in 1892 to aid the different religious bodies maintaining schools among the Indians is \$600,000, of which the Roman Catholic schools have \$300,000, the next largest sum being \$220,000 for the Presbyterians and \$20,000 for the Congregational schools.

The government has within the last three years largely increased the number of its training schools and of its day schools upon the reservation, the number of students enrolled is now nearly 18,000, which is \$3,000 greater than it was four years ago.

## TO PROTECT THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS.

The master of law, and of every access to courts for the protection of rights of Indians upon the reservations and for the punishment of crimes and misdemeanors, was a matter which claimed the attention of the conference as well. Certain friends of the Indians have prepared a bill which is likely to be introduced into Congress, to establish or re-establish or special courts for the administration of justice upon Indian reservations.

There was another session of the conference this afternoon, and the closing session will probably be held tonight.

## WORK OF THE ASSESSORS.

**Congress May Be Asked to Extend the Time as of the County.**

The board of assessors are working hard to complete the assessment of the District within the time prescribed by law, namely, the 31st of May, 1892.

On the 15th of the present month it is expected that they will have completed the assessment of the city proper and will be ready to go to work on the rest of the District. They will remain at least two weeks there, and then, if the weather is unpropitious, will devote at least two months to completing assessments.

As soon as this work is completed the county will be taken up, but how long it will take to assess this portion of the District is a big conundrum, for as yet the plat books of this section have not been completed.

Assessor Cook hopes that the assessment will be completed by June, but Assessors Dawson and Moore do not think so. The latter is strongly in favor of continuing the work giving the Commissioners authority to do away with the first installment of taxes on county property and receiving the taxes for the year in one payment in May, 1893. Speaking of this to a Star reporter today Assessor Cook said:

"I think it would be impossible for the assessors to give that careful consideration to the assessment of property in the county that they have given to that in the city, and I expect to go to work in the same time that I did in the city, but we may have to wait six days for what we were unable to get out. That speaks pretty well for the climate of Washington."

Commissioner Douglass said that he was ready to extend the time as of the county, of course if the assessors completed the assessment in time there would be no necessity of passing the first installment of taxes on county property. It would be well, however, to be done with the extraordinary power in case the exigencies of the time required extension. Commissioners Cook and Rossell also agreed with Mr. Douglass and it is probable that Congress will be appealed to at an early day.

## NOT KNO, BUT KNA.

It was Herman Kna of 1205 1/2 street northwest who made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors on December 26, and not Herman Kna of 512 H street northeast, who is engaged in similar business—boots, shoes, etc.

## The Naval Veterans.

General Order No. 3, just issued from the headquarters of the National Association Naval Veterans of the United States announces among other things, the addition of the reorganized Potomac Association of Naval Veterans of this city to the national body, and the following appointment of Washington, Isaac Newton, on staff of rear admiral Frank M. Stanner, member of executive committee; Robert M. Vanaman, delegate, and Charles E. Roberts, to world's column.

For the Destitute Georgetown Family. Mrs. Finchburg Copie sends \$5 for the benefit of the destitute family living at 1043 Cleveland street, Georgetown.

## She Wants a Divorce.

Mrs. Mills Lindsey asks in a bill for a divorce from Mr. Mills Lindsey also the restoration of her maiden name of Lyons. The bill, filed by Campbell Carrington, sets forth the marriage in Lynchburg, Va., on December, 1876; charges bad treatment, refusal to support her or pay rent, desertion in March, 1887.

## The Jury Completed.

In the Criminal Court this morning James M. Ford was excused as a juror and V. E. Adler and T. D. Tyler were accepted, thus completing the panel, which stands as follows: Charles G. Dunn, William Saurtry, H. R. Simpson, Charles Ebenezer, H. C. Thompson, Hugh Thomas, R. T. Brown, Daniel C. John, Kenneth Johnsey, Robert E. Cook, John F. Vogel, John F. Tracy, Charles E. Hart, Matt O'Callaghan, G. F. Stevens, William Crawford, Charles J. Jones, Peter C. Gordon, George C. Maynard, John J. Simott, William A. Pollard, S. B. Ellery, P. L. W. Thompson, N. E. Stockett, Victor E. Adler and E. D. Tyler.

## Mr. Ruffin Wants Primaries.

In reference to the election held in the nineteenth district for member of the republican central committee, Mr. E. D. Ruffin, who was the head of the men that withdrew and held their own meeting, states that he is not a Chase man, as he was described by THE STAR, and didn't belong to either of the factions. There were, he said, 156 men at the meeting, by actual count, of whom 100 were Chase men and fifty white. "The gentleman who called it was not in the order," Mr. Ruffin says, "was afraid to put his name on the order and ordered me out of the hall they rented. One hundred and twenty went outside on the premises and he was elected president by the unanimous vote of the party-fourty remaining in the hall." Mr. Ruffin, who is the recognized leader of the party, and that he recognizes the call issued by Mr. Davis for the reorganization of a central committee as the only legitimate one.

## WANTED—HELP.

WANTED—CANTE DRIVERS—STEADY, WELL-TRAINED, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE GOOD TRADE. WASHINGTON BRICK MACHINE COMPANY, 1415½ ST. NW. ADDRESS: Mr. A. F. and P. F. REED.

WANTED—A DRIVE HORSE.—HORSES.

WANTED—A COLORED GIRL TO DO CHORES, washing, ironing, and cooking, etc.

WANTED—A MAN WITH PUSH TO INTRODUCE CHAMBERS, lawyers and department clerks. Will pay good price.

WANTED—A COMPETENT SERVANT FOR GENERAL SERVICE, in a family of four.

WANTED—WOMEN COOKS, \$10 TO \$75; CHAMBERS, laundresses and laundresses, in city or way.

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WANTED—A CARPENTER.—BLACKSMITH.

WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSE WORK in a family of three. References required.

WANTED—A WOMAN, WHITE, CLEAN, AND SOFT SKIN, one good cook, for other chores and seamstress. Apply at 1703 K st. n. w.

WANTED—A SHOEMAKER.—SOBER AND INTEGRAL.

WANTED—A YOUNG LADY OF EXPERIENCE, address, a position as stenographer and typewriter, salary moderate. G. C. E. STAR OFFICE.

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